



SIGURD ANDERSON  
GOVERNOR

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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 9, 1954, is the twelfth anniversary of the fall of Bataan and the Philippines during the early days of World War II; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed appropriate that Bataan Day be observed in recognition of the heroism and spirit of freedom that typified the courageous men of different races and creeds that fought on that Pacific peninsula in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Bataan Day can be observed with added significance in 1954 as the danger of communism spreads in Asia; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Bataan Day this year will be deeply symbolic of the long and enduring friendship between the Philippines and the United States that has existed in war and in peace as those nations continue to fight to preserve democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 9, 1954, as

## BATAAN DAY

in South Dakota and do urge South Dakotans to observe Bataan Day with public meetings and other acts of recognition which they deem appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 6th day of April, 1954.

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Governor

ATTEST.

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Secretary of State

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